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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael V Datskovskiy

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-4,6,9-13 and 15-39 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-4,6,9-13 and 15-39 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 02/10/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Although examiner agrees that Schlack et al do not teach the amended software specifics, it is inherent that existing Windows Operating System comprises features allowing user to create files indicating media area (floppy disk, hard drive disk e.g.), names of the files and their content, and enabling user to drag and drop files between different indicated areas. Hence, the previous rejection over Schlack et al stays.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-4, 6, 9-10, 13, 15-16, 20-26, 28-30 and 35-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Schlack et al.

1-4, 6, 9-10, 13, 15-16, 20-26, 28-30 and 35-39: it is inherent that existing Windows Operating System comprises features allowing user to create files indicating media area (floppy disk, hard drive disk e.g.), names of the files and their content, and enabling user to drag and drop files between different indicated areas.

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11-12, 17-19, 27, 31-34: for: a secure digital card (SD), or a multimedia card (MMC), or a battery, or a cellular phone transceiver, or a camera, or a MP3 player being inserted into a card slot of the docking station (By Schlack et al expansion cards are memory cards without specifying their kind). Card- type peripheral devices such as digital cameras, rechargeable batteries packs, MP3 players, cellular phones, input-output connectors, displays, etc are well known in the art (Good examples are: a card-type digital cameras described in the Japanese Patent JP411243501A by Osawa, US Patent 6,292,272 by Okauchi et al and US Patent 6,118,485 by Hinoue et al; a card-type MP3 Player described by Kim in the Korean patent 2001026970A; a card-type display described by Fukushi in the Japan Patent JP02001101356A; a card-type rechargeable batteries pack described in the article: "Personal Computer Menu Card International Association Compatible battery and Charging cards", IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, September 1993, US Vol.36, Issue 9A, Pages 167-170; a card type cellular phone described by Ishibashi in the Japan patent JP020000921171A; and a card type input-output connectors described by Ozawa et al in the US Patent Re. 36, 769). It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to use said card slots to insert a secure digital card (SD), or a multimedia card (MMC), or a rechargeable battery, or a cellular phone transceiver, or a digital camera, or a MP3 player, since applicant has not disclosed that a type of the inserted device solves any stated problem or is for any particular purpose and it appears that the invention would perform equally well with any kind of available electronic device having appropriate size and electrical connection.

Regarding to the claims 35-39: The method steps obviously necessitated by the device structure as Schlack et al et al describe it.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.


5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael V Datskovskiy whose telephone number is (571) 272-2040. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on ((571) 272-2044. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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